

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew Ashby  
Application No. : 10/607,077 Confirmation No. : 1068  
Filed : June 25, 2003  
Group Art Unit : 1637  
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka  
For : METHODS FOR THE SURVEY AND GENETIC  
ANALYSIS OF POPULATIONS

New York, New York  
June 8, 2010

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 8, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This responds to the December 8, 2009 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The Amendment and Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and has paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, a response is due on or before June 8, 2010. Thus, this Amendment and Response and accompanying papers are timely filed.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Application No. 10/607,077  
Response dated June 8, 2010  
Response to December 8, 2009 Final Office Action

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.